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¶1. (SBU) On November 10, Econoff advised MFA's Deputy Director for Multilateral Economic and Maritime Relations Juan Luis Munoz de Laborde of the US's strong concerns on Article 10 of the EU proposed "third maritime safety" regulation (reftel). Econoff explained that this provision would interfere with the manner in which non-EU countries carried out their safety oversight responsibilities towards vessels carrying their flag. Munoz de Laborde indicated that he had not been aware of the controversy associated with this provision and said he would discuss this issue with Spain's Merchant Marine representatives to determine what Spain's position, if any, would be. He indicated that he would contact Econoff at a later date to discuss this matter further.

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